

MSP Ineligible Costs

Ineligible costs include:

- Costs associated with writing the application;
- Equipment (smart boards, computers, iPads, printers, etc.) except for learning and teaching aides integral to professional development instruction (example: PD instruction that requires mastery of an app used in math or science instruction is considered “integral” to the PD project; handing out iPads during or after PD as an auxiliary resource is not allowable);
- Sets of classroom materials intended for student use;
- Tuition charges and/or university/activity fees already covered in the higher education partners’ salary and fringe;
- Capital improvements;
- Supporting the research of individual scholars or faculty members;
- Providing compensation for IHE faculty attending workshops or conferences other than U.S. Department of Education Mathematics and Science Partnership conferences;
- Supporting travel to out-of-state professional meetings, unless it is demonstrated that attendance at a meeting will directly and significantly advance a project and has written approval of the TDOE Grant Manager;
- Food (with limited exceptions);
- Costs that are not directly related to the educational program and that are unsupported by the proposal; and
- Entertaining.

NOTE ON MEALS:

Per guidance from the US Department of Education, grant funds may not be used for food for attendees unless doing so is necessary to accomplish legitimate meeting or conference business. Working lunches may be allowable, provided attendance at the lunch is needed to ensure full participation in essential discussions concerning the goals and objectives of the project. For more information on the federal guidelines, please download “Frequently Asked Questions on Using Federal Funds for Conferences and Meetings” available ([here](#)).